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Old school

Rappers Sir Mix-A-Lot and Tone Loc brought '80s hip-hop back to Northwest Tuesday night

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

"This ain't techno. This ain't rock. This ain't classical. This is '80s old-school hip-hop."

These words of Tone Loc's manager and fellow performer Johnny G echoed through Mary Linn Auditorium Tuesday, marking the beginning of a hip-hop time machine that took Northwest students back to their days of grade school, when rap was less about guns and money and more about, well, butts.

Famed 1980s rappers Sir Mix-A-Lot and opening act Tone Loc entertained a crowd of 934 Northwest students and Maryville youth for a concert sponsored by Spotlight. The performers were booked from Clear Channel Entertainment of St. Louis by Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activi-

ties, along with Spotlight President Chase Rasa.

The rappers entertained with performances of classic hits such as Tone Loc's "Funky Cold Medina" and "Wild Thing," and Sir Mix-A-Lot's party themes, "Baby Got Back" and "Jump On It." The crowd rocked not only to the memorable beats, but also to the rhymes their fellow Northwest students brought on stage for a rap contest judged by the crowd. The winner, Northwest student LaTonya Davis, was awarded \$100 from Tone Loc for her efforts.

"My brothers rap, and I wrote my own like 10 years ago as a joke," Davis said. "They said it was so stupid, but evidently it wasn't that stupid, I made \$100 out of it."

Sir Mix-A-Lot and fellow rappers ensured a good time for the crowd by inviting students to dance on stage, videotaping the crowd and affectionately describing how he felt about actress Halle Berry. Among those joining the rapper onstage was Jill Haskamp, business management major.

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Jenny Burch, elementary education major, also enjoyed the performances.

"I grew up listening to Tone Loc and Mix-A-Lot," Burch said. "It's great to see them keeping old-school hip-hop alive."

Originally from Seattle, Sir Mix-A-Lot said he performs about two tours

year, mostly for the college market.

"I perform for a lot of colleges, because that's really the Mix-A-Lot crowd," he said. "I don't do these monotone, unclever kind of boring rhymes. I like to do clever stuff, that's more what college students are into."

Sir Mix-A-Lot won a 1989 Grammy for his hit single, "Baby Got Back," which received both acclaim and scorn for being entirely dedicated to women's posterior. He explained the origin of the song:

"I was dating a girl who had one of those Jennifer Lopez-type super asses, and she was regulated to wearing long coats because this was during the time of these beanpole models and girls shaped like stop signs, so she was ashamed of what she had," he said. "I told her that there was nothing wrong with her, and that every guy I know wanted a voluptuous woman, despite all the Cosmo ads that told us we liked these skinny women. So I wrote 'Baby Got Back,' proved my point and sold



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
LaTonya Davis volunteered with four other Northwest students to rap on stage with Tone Loc Tuesday night. Out-rhyming the competition, Davis won \$100.



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Sir Mix-A-Lot energized a crowd of nearly 1,000. His performance included two of his famous hits, "Baby Got Back" and "Jump On It."

Governor confirms newest student regent to Board

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Regents welcomed a new face Wednesday when Missouri Gov. Bob Holden confirmed Northwest's new student regent.

Sophomore Paul Klute will join the Board after beating two other finalists for the position.

"I've always been a student leader," Klute said. "I just thought this was the next step and this would be the best way to represent students."

Klute, who is also vice president of Residence Hall Association and treasurer of Phi Eta Sigma, hopes to represent students fairly to the Board.

"It's a good way to get opinions heard and things changed on campus," Klute said. "I'd like to see the accessibility of the student regent on a little

higher level."

Klute said he plans to attend Student Senate meetings regularly and work with students around campus in order to best represent the student body to the Board. He has already worked on several ideas.

"I've used some of my resources to put a few new ideas into motion," Klute said. "The position should be an opinion of the students speaking through the student regent."

Klute replaces former student regent Matthew Hackett, who said goodbye at the Board's meeting Monday.



PAUL KLUTE
NEW STUDENT REGENT

Campus, community discuss arming officers at forum

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

As far as training and professionalism is concerned, Campus Safety has come a long way since the shooting of Abraham Lincoln's likeness.

Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green stressed the professionalism of the department and their suitability to be armed at a forum Monday to discuss the issue of arming Campus Safety officers.

Approximately 25 University staff, students and community members attended the forum to express their questions and concerns regarding the issue. The forum was the fifth and final of its kind held at Northwest.

Green began the forum with a brief history of Campus Safety, beginning with the founding of an informal Campus Safety in the 1940s, when the University hired untrained

and armed night watchmen from the city to patrol campus. Green said lack of formal training resulted in the infamous shooting of the Abraham Lincoln statue located in the Administration Building.

Green said because of changing times and increased trends of situations in which a firearm is needed, arming of Campus Safety officers is evident. However, if armed, officers would use weapons merely as a last resort. The department is trained in less lethal defense mechanisms, including verbal judo, where officers are trained to judge whether a subject may become hostile and attempt to verbally diffuse the situation.

"In any situation, we will always keep things going," Green said. "Firearms are just a tool on the belt."

Green also emphasized the department's need for firearms not only for safety of those on campus,

but also for officers responding to potentially lethal situations.

"I don't ever want to call someone's wife and tell them their husband isn't coming home," Green said.

Green said the lack of firearms also creates an inconvenience for Campus Safety, as officers must contact armed officers of Maryville Public Safety or the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department for situations where a weapon may be involved. Green stressed that in these situations, time is important.

"A timely response will lessen the impact," Green said. "The faster we can get our officers there, we can stop those committing the crime. Often, Campus Safety officers have been left in limbo because of calls that Public Safety officers were already busy with."

University President Dean Hubbard supported Green, arguing

that leaving Campus Safety unarmed puts them in a double bind.

"If we're going to commission you, we can't tell you to make an arrest and not allow you to do it," Hubbard said. "If we're going to have armed people on campus, and that will happen, I'd rather it be our people."

Hubbard also stressed the overall mission of the department was to promote safety and that firearms aided in that mission.

"Campus Safety is here to protect, not to police," Hubbard said. "You'll never arrest 99 percent of the people on this campus, and you'll have no reason to. It's the people who want to do them harm that will be enforced."

If the department's request for arming officers is recommended by the President's Cabinet to the Board of Regents, when they approve it, Campus Safety officers will be armed by fall 2003.

Out of time



PHOTO BY BILL KNUTS/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
Northwest reserve forward Brandon Rold realizes the season is about to end during Wednesday's 78-72 loss. The 'Cats finished the season 29-3 and were the MIAA regular season champions. For more on the game see page 18.

Senate gains new leaders

By LAURA PEARL
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Election results were the highlight of Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, with the announcement of new executive officers and class representatives taking center stage.

A total of 1,124 students voted in the election, an increase from recent Senate elections. The announcement of winners followed the statistics.

In the presidential race, junior Kara Karssen captured the win. Karssen, who has participated in Senate since her freshman year, is looking to provide organization and leadership to the group.

Karssen's goals for the upcoming year are to increase student awareness and the efficiency of the group's work.

"This is a huge year with transitions," Karssen said. "We have our committees scaled down from nine committees to five, so we're definitely going to need some strong leadership to move forth and to make things run effectively and smoothly and to make sure we're not overlooking anything with the transitions."

Junior Alicia Shirk won the race for vice president. Shirk agreed that one of Senate's first focuses should be organization and working within the new committee structure.

In the secretary race, sophomore Emily Dix won. Dix has been involved with Senate each of her years at Northwest.

Freshman Taylor Tholen won the treasurer position. Tholen has been involved with Senate throughout the year and is heading into the new year with a heavy emphasis on student involvement and recruitment.

In representative races, Tiffany Barnmann won the senior class president seat, and Joel Potter won the senior class representative role. Julie Victor won the junior class presidency, and Sarah Pfaltzgraff and Ritu Jain won junior representative positions. Tiffany Baur won the sophomore class presidency, and Megan McClain, Kristin Helmink and Krystle McCarthy won sophomore class representative roles.

Lizzi Sexton will fill the off-campus representative role, and Jen Seaman and Joy Hayes will serve as on-campus representatives for the 2002-2003 school year.

Child's death results in murder charge

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A Maryville man faces an additional charge of murder in connection with the Jan. 20 death of a toddler.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird invoked the felony-murder rule in filing charges against Michael Beattie, 21, in connection with the death of 2-year-old Dayun PJ. Boatwright. Beattie now faces the additional charge of murder in the second degree, a class A felony, alleging the child was killed as a result of the perpetration of the felony abuse of a child. Under Missouri law, a class A felony is punishable by a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum of 30 years in prison or by life imprisonment.

The felony-murder rule allows a prosecutor to charge a defendant with second-degree murder if the death occurred during the commission of another felony. Baird chose to invoke this procedure to charge Beattie with the higher offense of second degree murder, rather than the lesser charge of manslaughter. Baird said although the written autopsy report has not been received from the Jackson County medical examiner's office, conversations with the medical examiner resulted in the filing of the additional criminal charge. In his most recent discussion with the medical examiner's office, Baird was informed that a written copy of the report would not be completed until late April.

"We had two choices in the matter," Baird said. "We could have done a preliminary hearing, wait for autopsy results and then file new charges and do a second preliminary hearing on those, or we could invoke the felony-murder rule. Rather than waiting, I decided to file charges from what I was orally told was going to be on the report."

Baird added, along with speeding up the process, invoking the felony-murder charge will also produce benefits in court.

"Invoking this charge will, one, keep the case moving," Baird said. "Number two, it will make it easier on witnesses to testify."

Beattie appeared before Judge Glen Dietrich Monday and was arraigned on the new charge, along with three counts of class C felony child abuse.

Based on the new charge, Dietrich increased bond to \$150,000 for Beattie, who remains in the Nodaway County Jail. A preliminary hearing on the charges will be April 12.

Bills spark discussion

By LAURA PEARL
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As Missouri congressmen prepare for a small break, several key pieces of legislation are making their way through the state legislature.

State budget shortfalls are the central focus of much of the congressional discussion, with funding for higher education being an ongoing focus.

House Bill 1103, a bill outlining the budget for higher education, was heard by the House Budget Committee this week and will come to a vote in the House within the next week, said Tom Vansaghi, executive assistant to the president.

Colleges and universities will face a 10 percent budget reduction. No additional cuts have been outlined at this point, but legislation is not finalized.

The House Budget Committee did take some initial steps toward softening the blow of the cuts Wednesday morning. The Committee passed a bill giving \$750,000 to Missouri Western State College, Southwest Missouri State University and Missouri Southern State College and \$100,000 to all other state-funded colleges and universities, Vansaghi said.

The bill will go before the House after the legislature's spring break.

House Bill 1986, which calls for the presence of a faculty representative on university boards of governors and

regents, has been placed on the House consent calendar, Vansaghi said.

Bills on the consent calendar are voted either up or down, while bills on the House's regular calendar are subject to amendments. By placing the bill on the consent calendar, the House has given the legislation a boost, Vansaghi said.

"This is a fast track, or really a way to get it through quickly," he said.

If this bill passes both houses and receives the governor's approval, Northwest would be required to elect a faculty representative. The faculty member would attend Board meetings and participate in discussion but would not vote, said Doug Dunham, Faculty Senate president.

"Having that voice on the Board is important," Dunham said. "The faculty and administration don't always see eye to eye, and this adds the ability to bring more information to a situation to facilitate discussion."

Dunham said the bill has come up for the past several years but has never gained the Senate approval necessary for it to be implemented.

If the bill passes during this session, Dunham said choosing a faculty representative would not be a problem.

"I certainly would work with the administration and Board to develop a process of selecting someone," he said.

One more piece of legislation

creating local concern is Senate Bill 665, which, if passed, will regulate Internet access for minors at public libraries and schools.

After speaking with Northwest's attorney, Vansaghi said the likelihood the bill would apply to traditional Northwest students or Missouri Academy of Mathematics, Science and Computing students is slim.

However, if the bill is applied to colleges and universities, it could affect young University and Academy students, and it could make campus-wide changes necessary.

"I think if it does apply to us, that would create a lot of costs," Vansaghi said.

The bill poses two immediate concerns, said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the Academy. First of all, the University would have to locate minors and enforce the rule. Secondly, the University would have to purchase filtering software, which is expensive and not foolproof at this point.

"It's an interesting idea," Pinizzotto said. "I don't have any problems with limiting access to pornography or anything like that, but I just don't know if it will work."

Vansaghi said he is trying to get the bill clarified so the University can be better informed about ramifications.

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Countdown to the crown



PHOTO COURTESY OF DARREN WHITLEY
Tower Queen finalists are (front) Keri Kemmerer, Allison Clevenger, Kerry Finnegan and Crystal Beckham. Voting for Tower Queen, who will be crowned during Northwest Week, can be done on WebStar and will end Friday.

Week to offer campus activities

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Student Senate will hold its annual Northwest Week April 1-6.

The theme for this year's event is "There's No Place Like Northwest." The theme is carried out through various activities sponsored by Student Senate and other organizations.

Lizzi Sexton, co-chair of the special events committee for Student Senate, said Northwest Week is a time for students to relax and enjoy the activities to take their mind off their busy schedules.

"Northwest Week is a fun time for all the students to be proud of their school," she said. "It gives students a break and relief from class."

Various activities will take place throughout the week.

Northwest Week will start with KZLX broadcasting live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Union.

KZLX will give away passes to a special screening of "The Wizard of Oz." The screening is co-sponsored by the Indian Student Association and Student Senate. Show times for the movie will be 4 p.m., 6

p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Hangar.

The Tower Service awards will be at 5 p.m. Monday in the Union Ballroom. This event honors Northwest faculty, staff and students who have gone above and beyond the requirements and standards of Northwest.

A game show called "Think Fast" will be sponsored by Spotlight at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Boardroom. T-shirts will be given away along with a top prize of \$200.

Student Senate will sponsor Bring-a-Friend night Tuesday. This event encourages students to attend a Student Senate meeting, see how things work and see if they are interested in becoming part of the organization.

The events on Wednesday kick off with a pancake feed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bell Tower. Residence Hall Association will then sponsor an ice cream social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bell Tower. The crowning of the Tower Queen will also be at the Bell Tower at 12:15 p.m.

Battle of the Bands will be from 7

p.m. to midnight Wednesday at the Conference Center. Admission is \$1 to watch all bands. There will be numerous bands from locations such as Omaha, Neb., Kansas City, Mo., and local areas.

A "Meet Your Senator Night" will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wesley Center. Along with free pizza, this activity will give students a chance to meet their representatives and participate in games and activities.

A barbecue sponsored by Greek Life will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Bell Tower. The barbecue will wrap up the week's events.

Stacie McLaughlin, Student Senate president, said Northwest Week is a great time for students to wind down the school year.

"It gives students a chance to do something out of the ordinary school day," she said.

For more information about Northwest Week, contact Lizzi Sexton at 562-5168.

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Alumna to share experiences, expertise

By LORI REED
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest will be playing host to one of the computer industry's pioneers April 4.

Jean Bartik, a native of St. Mary's and a 1945 Northwest alumna, programmed the world's first electronic computer, the ENIAC. Bartik also assisted with the creation of UNIVAC I, the first general-purpose commercial computer.

University President Dean Hubbard said Northwest is proud to honor Jean Bartik for her significant contributions to the field of computer science. Bartik has an impressive background, and her involvement in programming the ENIAC helped shape the world of technology and secured her place in history, Hubbard said.

Hubbard thinks it is only fitting that Northwest, the nation's first electronic campus, recognize Bartik for her prestigious accomplishments as a computer pioneer.

Bartik will be returning to Northwest to share her historic experiences with faculty, staff, students and community members. She will also be the honored guest at the grand opening of the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum in B.D. Owens Library.

The Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum is in the basement of Owens Library and contains computers and computer artifacts dating back to the invention of the computer.

"She has been recognized internationally for her accomplishments in the technology field, and it's only fitting that she be honored by her

alma mater with a permanent display such as the computing museum," said communication assistant Mitzi Lutz.

Bartik's visit will begin with a luncheon at the Gaunt House followed by a reception at B.D. Owens Library from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The reception is open to the public and the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2:15 p.m.

Bartik and fellow programmer Kay McNulty Mauchly Antonelli will be conducting an interactive discussion, open to the public, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom that evening.

Former State Treasurer James Spainhower will also be present to honor Bartik. Spainhower is expected to read a proclamation from Gov. Bob Holden.

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School Board, City Council candidates to speak at forum

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville citizens will come together at 7 p.m. Thursday at City Hall to hear School Board and City Council candidates discuss their motives for running. Maryville Citizens For Community Action and the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce are playing host to the forum.

Seven candidates are running to fill two empty seats on School Board. Two candidates for City Council are running to fill two seats.

Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak and afterward the floor will open for audience questions. The audience may ask anything they wish, but responses are limited to two or three minutes.

"This forum will benefit the candidates because of what is happening right now, it's an opportunity of the press," said

David McLaughlin, moderator of the forum. "They get to get their message out to the public."

The forum will give the community an opportunity to interact with candidates, McLaughlin said. Maryville holds a forum every election and usually has great success with community members attending, McLaughlin said.

Each candidate running for a seat will be at the forum Thursday.

Of the School Board candidates, Marla Burnsides, current president of School Board, will run again.

"I've served three years on the School Board and I have enjoyed being part of the system and volunteering my time to the school system," Burnsides said.

School Board candidates include Burnsides, Fulton, Larry Rusco, Elizabeth Endecott, Ginny Chadwick and Ron Vandiver.

Melinda Fulton believes it is everyone's responsibility to help educate their community's children.

"It's the responsibility of every

citizen to do their part in trying to maintain a high standard of education for our kids," she said.

Fulton said her children are benefiting from someone else's work and effort and said it is time for her to take a turn.

John Jasinski, City Council candidate, said he has a lot to offer the community.

"I want to give back to the community and I think I can listen and act upon the Council well," he said. "I'm running because I want a sense of learning about where Maryville is headed in the future."

City Council candidates include Jasinski and Ron Moss.

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Working women



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Eighth-graders Amanda Wickersham and Haleigh Vest groom a dog while job shadowing Denice Redden, Vet Technician/Secretary at St. Francis Veterinary Services. The program is sponsored by the Maryville Chapter of the American Association of University Women and University Outreach and has run since 1992.

Local surgeon performs milestone operation

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

Pat Null, of Hopkins, did not realize his knee replacement surgery would be an extraordinary occasion, but for his doctor it was. Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Tom DiStefano completed his 100th knee replacement Monday at St. Francis Hospital.

Starting at the hospital in September 1999, DiStefano participated in his first knee replacement a year later and completes about 10 joint replacement surgeries a month.

DiStefano said Null, 45, had undergone previous knee surgery and had managed to live with sore knees.

"He's had trouble with his knee for years and it just kept getting worse and worse," DiStefano said.

"And we encourage people to wait as long as they can because we'd like to only do it once, but it was getting to the point where he really couldn't work."

DiStefano said Null's stay in the hospital will be about seven days. He should fully recover in nine months and should be "getting along real well" within two months.

The procedure takes about one hour and 20 minutes, from the first incision to setting the final brace, DiStefano said.

"Which is really good," he said. "In the beginning the first couple of them probably took two hours and 20 minutes."

The addition of two anesthesiologists and three additional operating rooms has helped increase the amount of productivity in his field, DiStefano said.

DiStefano received his medical degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, completed his residency training at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Va., and completed a sports medicine fellowship at Tulane.

Having extensive sports medicine training during his residency where he completed 75 knee and hip replacements, made him comfortable with the transition to St. Francis Hospital, DiStefano said.

DiStefano said St. Francis is a leader in joint replacements in the area and hopes the hospital continues to provide superior health care.

"What I'm envisioning is to stay on the cutting edge and become a center of excellence to do joint replacements," he said. "And that people not only feel comfortable coming here but get as good or better care than they could get any-

where."

Rita Miller, director of community relations and development, said she notices ongoing development in orthopedics within the hospital.

"Not only do all the nurses know what's going on and how it should work, but the rehab staff to the outpatient rehab part and they all know what that sequence is, how it's supposed to work and it's really worked well," she said.

Although DiStefano said he enjoys his general orthopedic surgeon status now, in the future he would like to specialize in sports medicine and focus on knee and shoulder replacements.

"As we develop further and further, I'd like to develop myself more into less general orthopedics and more into knees and shoulders and then do sports and joint replacements," he said.

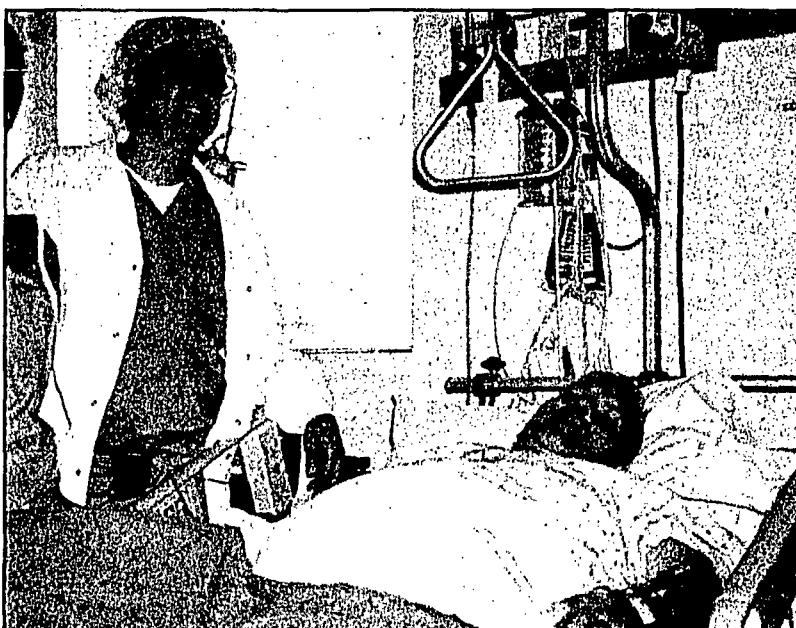


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Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Tom DiStefano looks in on his patient, Pat Null, Monday. Null's surgery marked DiStefano's 100th knee replacement at St. Francis Hospital.

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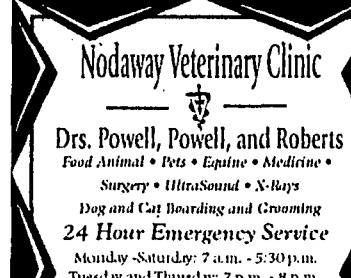
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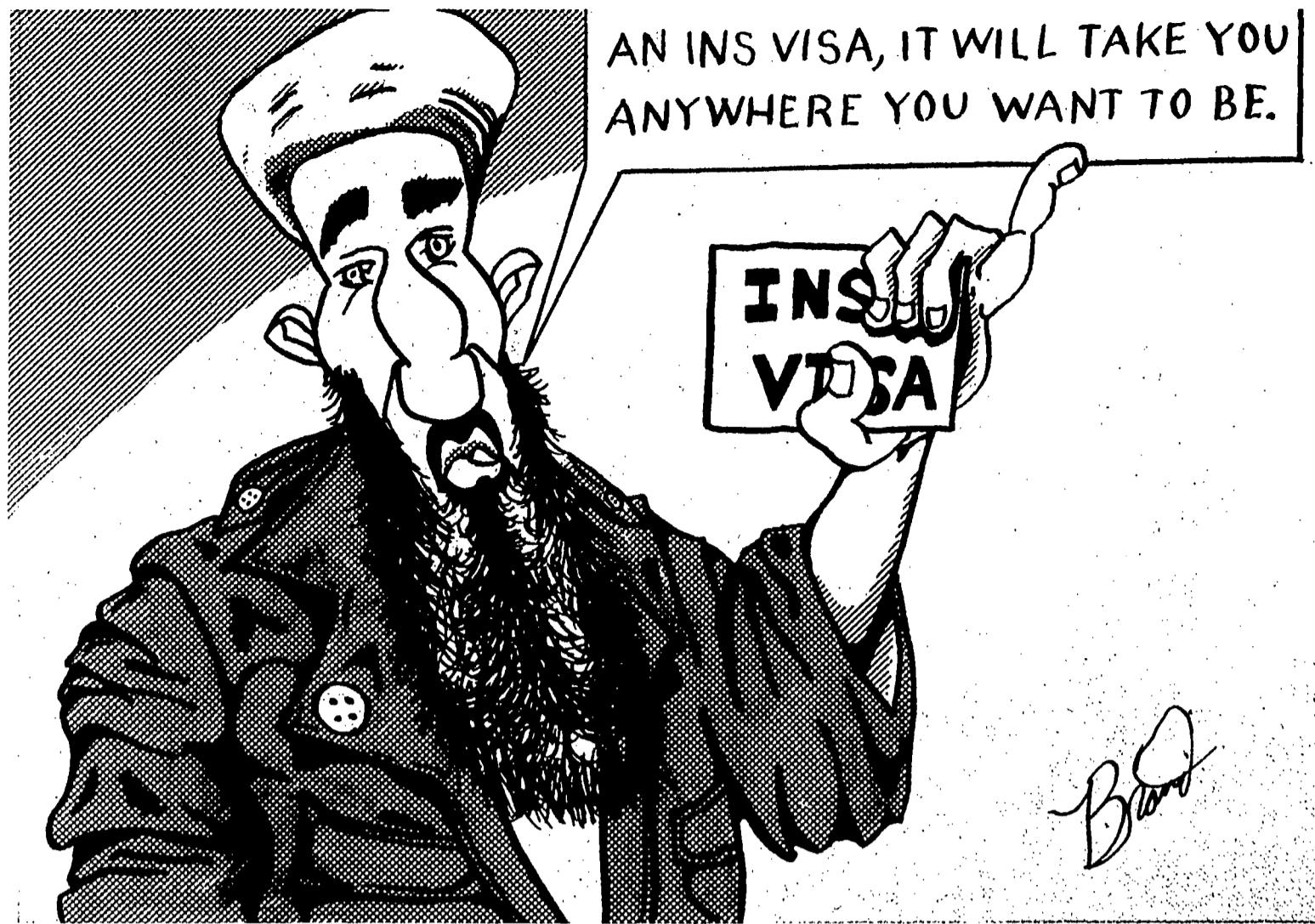


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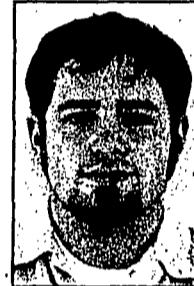
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International law needs respect

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As President George W. Bush asked British Prime Minister Tony Blair for 25,000 troops to help invade Iraq, British Foreign Minister Jack Straw called for Britain's support and cited strongly that, in addition to possible weapons production, he believes Iraq is in "clear breach" of 23 U.N. resolutions.

Now, the majority of the British public has said they don't support U.K. involvement in an invasion, but Straw's comments concerning breaks from international convention are important ones—in other words, as the United States has said in the past, we must pay attention to "rogue nations." By his own logic, Straw will soon be gathering support for an invasion of another rogue nation much bigger than Iraq.

Who is that enormous rogue nation? Of course, we are. As we continue to seek international support for our actions, we should review our lack of respect for international law, institutions and decision making.

Here are a few of many examples, mostly in 2001, recently compiled by Bryn Mawr and professor emeritus Richard DuBoff:

Two of the three countries in the world that have not ratified the 1979 U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women are the United States and Afghanistan.

In 1986, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled the United States was in violation of international law for its terrorist war against Nicaragua. The United States responded by simply not recognizing the court's jurisdiction, so the United Nations passed a resolution calling for compliance with international law. The United

States and Israel were the only two votes against following law.

In 1988, 40 years after the fact, the United States finally ratified the U.N. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The ratification, however, included "reservations" which were disapproved by most European nations and many others.

The United States and Somalia are the only two nations in the world (although Somalia has no government) that have not ratified the 1989 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which works to protect the social and economic rights of children worldwide.

In 1997, in Canada, 122 nations signed the historic Land Mine Treaty to ban landmines worldwide. The United States, although claiming to be committed to ending the use of landmines, refused to sign, along with our good "axis of evil" buddies Iraq and Iran.

The United States is one of only five nations, including Iran and Saudi Arabia, which continue to execute juveniles.

Despite 10 consecutive U.N. General Assembly resolutions, the most recent in 2001, the United States continues its embargo on Cuba.

In February of 2001, the United States refused to meet with European Union nations to discuss espionage and electronic surveillance. Also that month, we refused to join 123 countries that pledged to ban anti-personnel bombs and mines.

In April, the United States was not re-elected to the U.N. Human Rights Commission after withholding \$245 million in dues from the United Nations and opposing worldwide human

rights protections.

In May, the United States refused to participate in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development talks in Paris.

In July, the United States was the only nation to oppose the U.N. Agreement to Curb the International Flow of Illicit Small Arms. That month, the United States was also the only G8 nation to oppose the International Plan for Cleaner Energy.

In September, the United States walked out on the 163-country Durban Conference on Racism in South Africa, with Israel, of course, at our side.

In October, the Senate added an amendment to an appropriations bill to keep the United States military from obeying the International Criminal Court. The original ICC Treaty was signed in 1998 by 120 nations, but not by the United States.

In November, against the wishes of every other nation in the world, the United States, the biggest contributor to global warming, abandoned the Kyoto protocol that was intended to dramatically reduce the destructive effects of pollution.

In December, the United States withdrew from the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty, rendering it effectively useless.

If we expect other nations to follow international law much less support an invasion of Iraq, and if we care about being a symbol of democracy, we might want to show some concern for recognized world institutions and the nations that comprise them. Otherwise, we may be the next "rogue state" that we'll have to attack.

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MY VIEW

Senior reluctantly says goodbye to old Mexican friend

MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The next time you're a little bored, get that notebook you never use for class and make a list of some of the more unusual things you have done while intoxicated. If you've never been drunk, help your friends remember what they've done (the brain cells in charge of some memories may have already been killed.)

In one of my less interesting classes, I made a list and have been adding things to it as more memories come to me. Examining some of my past actions, I suddenly realized that I'm lucky I am not dead or incarcerated.

Some of the more memorable items include climbing water towers to spraypaint "98 rules" in high school, getting a tattoo that won't wash off, a few brush-ups with the law that need not be discussed in detail here (especially since my parents always read their baby boy's brilliant articles) and helping a total stranger celebrate her last night before marriage with a strip show in a bar (don't ask).

There are many more incriminating items on my list, but I must keep my reputation as a wholesome student in my last months here at Northwest.

How did I come up with this brilliant

idea to categorize drunken memories, you ask? The idea came about two weeks ago as I sat hungover in class, wondering why I had sent a few e-mails the night before and trying to remember what I had wrote.

As my professor kept talking, about what, I will never know, I decided it may be about time to reconsider my relationship with two of my good buddies: Bud Light and Mexican gold, or tequila.

I realized that it has been a long time since I haven't gone out several times in a week, usually feeling less than perfect the next day. Every time I spend at least \$20, and often hit the ATM when I run low. If ATMs had breathalyzers on them, I would probably be able to pay my rent (if my landlord is reading this, the check is in the mail, I swear).

Now, as I prepare to end my college experience, receive my diploma identifying me as a certified educated idiot and throw myself into the dreaded real world, I think I had better make a few changes. Here is what I came up with.

No more drinking on weekdays, exempting special circumstances

of course and only beer on the weekends. Tequila, I know we've had some good times, but I'm breaking up with you.

Of course, these rules will be suspended on the upcoming Spring Break week. They don't apply when you are in a different state.

Don't feel sorry for me, I already have enough memories, good and bad, of many late nights over the past several years that are more than enough to last a lifetime. I have pictures, too.

So far, I have kept true to my decisions and am amazed at what you can accomplish in a week without any alcohol. I haven't ticked anyone off for a while, and I have some extra cash in my wallet. Who knows, in time I might become a responsible individual. Scary.

Now that I have this little situation seemingly under control, I've already started working on cutting back on another bad habit. It's the one that takes a lot of my right hand's free time. No, not that. Smoking.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OUR VIEW

Unjust verdict

For the senseless act of murdering five children Andrea Yates deserves nothing less than death

The jury believes justice was served by sentencing Andrea Yates to life in prison, but a woman who kills five children in less than an hour should be condemned to the same fate even if it's a different form, death by execution.

The face of Andrea Yates has become etched into our minds along with mental images of the five children she drowned in the family bathtub last June.

The 37-year-old mother was sentenced to life in prison with a chance of parole in 40 years. Earlier she was convicted on two counts of capital murder for the drowning deaths of her 6-month-old daughter, Mary, and sons, Noah, 7, and John, 5.

Many people dream of living in a world where things such as pleading by reason of insanity will work every time; however, our society lives in an imperfect world. Some feel sentencing Yates 40 years was justice; however, sparing Yates the death penalty did not serve justice for her five children.

Last week the country waited in suspense to hear what the verdict would be for Yates. While Yates waited for the jury's verdict of guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity, the main focus was whether she knew what she was doing when she drowned her children and if she knew it was wrong.

Both the defense and prosecutors agree Yates is mentally ill, but the prosecutors were trying to get across to the jury that a mental illness should not rule over the drowning of her children. They believed Yates knew what she was doing and that it was wrong and should be executed.

Nevertheless, Yates must have known what she was doing when she called police to her home, confessed to the drownings and followed police into the master bedroom where four of the children were tucked into bed.

The case has stirred new debate over the legal standard for mental illness and whether it is taken seriously during trials. According to medical records, Yates showed a two-year history of depression, including two suicide attempts, several hospitalizations and a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

Those who knew Yates and turned their cheek are also to blame because they did not step in to help. Someone should have stepped up and helped her before she went as far as she did.

She was characterized during the trial as a loving mother, but she chased her five children through the house and drowned each of them in less than an hour because she believed she was sparing them from being tormented in hell.

Although Yates was spared death by lethal injection, the prosecutors brought up a good point when they said, "Yates' life shouldn't be more important than the lives of her five children."

The children never had a chance, as their lives were taken from them, but the jury could only look at a mother whose mental illness caused her to kill out of love.

Many people are put to death each year and because Yates was described as a loving mother with a mental illness, she will be able to live even after everything she has done. A woman who showed no signs of emotion as her verdict was read will live with a chance of parole.

Morally and ethically, it is wrong for a woman such as Andrea Yates to live. The jury should have put themselves in her children's shoes and imagined the terrified screams as each child's face was pushed into the water. If the jury had spent more time picturing the children, justice would have been served, not only for the children, but the legal system as well. Any time a jury puts a mental illness above a life, something is wrong and something needs to be done.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Walkers, bicyclists need to take responsibility

Please allow me to thank the Stroller for bringing an opportunity to respond to sections of his most recent column, "Stroller changes his stance."

Specifically, I would like to comment as a "dung-eating moron" who drives on campus. I agree with you that people (students, faculty and staff) sometimes drive way too fast on campus and probably could stand to pay attention a bit more. But I have a couple of suggestions for pedestrians and bicyclists on campus:

1. You cannot spit on this campus and not hit a crosswalk. For pete's sake they are every 15 feet. Use them.

2. Attempt to show a bit of interest in not getting hit. Even if you are using the crosswalk, slow down and let the person see you are there. Whether I am in Los Angeles or Maryville, I try to at

least make eye contact with the driver. If you have to, stop and let the car go by. Yes, the insurance companies and law authorities will not look kindly on the driver, but that will not matter to you, the pedestrian, when your brains are scattered on the pavement.

3. To bicyclists, last I looked, it is illegal to ride your bike through the crosswalk. Get off and walk your bike across.

Finally to the Stroller, "dung-eating moron," "fat, lazy, donut-eating butts," "monkey-loving butts," you have some serious scatological issues to work through. Save these references for a high school paper. I am positive you can come up with more colorful metaphors than these.

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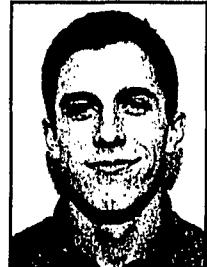
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MY VIEW

Northwest students should be cautious of credit card predators



DANNY BURNS

ONLINE MANAGING EDITOR

Bulk mail postage = 10 cents
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Baiting Northwest students into credit debt . . . priceless.

Many college residents received mass mailings last week soliciting shiny new MasterCards courtesy of AT&T. With semester after semester of these offers weaseling their way into our mailboxes, enough is enough.

In 2000, an average college student carried a credit card balance of \$2,748 and currently, half of all college students don't pay their monthly payment in full. Yet, the University allows numerous credit card applications to be distributed throughout campus. Why do they do this some may ask?

It could be assumed that creditors get the University to give them access to thousands of potential customers. After all, how do these companies know the addresses of all our students? And

if this is true, what a great deal . . . the University gets some extra cash, the credit card companies have the access they need and students get left with pages of fine print, mountains of potential debt and little to no financial education.

Stories from colleges all over the country tell of credit card debt that gets out of hand. Upon graduation, interest has stacked atop interest and the small "splurges" that accumulated over four or five years can grow to a total debt of \$10,000 or more. Although the University gives almost no credit education to students to coincide with these mailings, the information is out there.

A credit organization, truthaboutcredit.org, gives some financial tips. Topping the list: shop around. Credit cards offer different rates, limits and fees. Signing up for the first card that comes through your mailbox might be easy, but there are probably better cards out there.

Secondly, students should have only one and a maximum of two credit cards. Building credit history is important when applying for loans in the future. Having one card that students can pay off in full every month is easier than trying to keep track of multiple accounts and cards.

Lastly, don't get sucked into "free" offers or promotional gifts. The latest MasterCard that found its way onto campus gives cardholders \$100 worth of "free" calls. But in the fine print, students can only place calls in the United States and have to use all of their calls within the first 90 days. After that time, students lose the remaining credit and fall under basic AT&T terms and conditions, which are buried in fine print somewhere. Free jackets, hats, cheap jewelry and other subgrade garbage are used to attract new customers. Most of the time, it's just that, garbage, and should be overlooked when shopping

around for a card.

For the most part, students should look for a card that comes from a reputable company, has a low APR (annual percentage rate), no monthly fees, and doesn't ransack you for late payments. Balances should be paid in full every month to avoid interest charges and cards should never be charged to their limit. More information on credit cards can be found at truthaboutcredit.org.

As for Northwest, the University should seriously look into the number of applications that make their way into the hands of students. Campus officials should provide information about proper credit management and tell creditors their students are not for sale. Then again, maybe I could use a 24-karat "gold," cubic zirconia, heart shaped pendant. Four years from now, it will only cost me \$10,000 anyway.

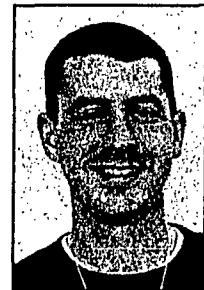
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YOUR VIEW

What do you think the new Northwest logo should be?



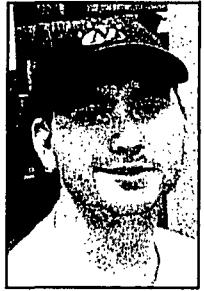
"A Union full of choices. It is kind of sarcasm because we don't have much choice in the Student Union."

Colin McCready
Broadcasting major

"Safe place for great education. We are the fourth safest campus in the nation, and we also have a good education here."

Jared Watson
Psychology major

"Seize the moment. There are lots of opportunities to make the best use of your ability on campus. It will never be too late to try new things."

Hitomi Koyama
Advertising major

"Providing technology beyond. We have lots of technology, such as computers and software systems."

Justin Carter
Geology/Biology major

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach gives thanks to fans for support

Well, Bearcat players and coaches thanked you two weeks ago for your outstanding support during the MIAA league playoff games.

This week we have to express our sincere gratitude for your incredible support during the South Central Regionals in Oklahoma.

For those that made the long trip, thank you.

Our representation was truly a difference maker and our players and all of us coaches were and still are in awe of the support we received.

For those that cheered at home, thanks as well. We know many of you pulled for us by listening to the excellent play-by-play by John Coffey and Matt Gaarder.

We are humbled to bring home the South Central Regional Championship and have you to thank.

Our mission continues and we look forward to your continuing support.

STEVE TAPPMAYER
MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

Mentally ill prisoners need psychological treatment



MARJIE KOSMAN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

the issue.

Do we know that Yates actually knew what she was doing? Her illness caused her to believe that she was saving her children from eternal damnation by killing them.

In Georgia, Alexander Williams, a chronic paranoid schizophrenic, was sentenced to death after he raped and killed a 16-year-old. He said green frogs told him to.

He also sees little red men in the eyes of his fellow inmates and says one of his eyes was stolen by insects and replaced with a shell.

Is this a man who knew exactly what he was doing when he murdered a teenager?

I doubt it.

Obviously, Williams should not be let free into society, but he also does not deserve to lose his life.

What he and the rest of the mentally ill patients in the nation's prisons need is medical and psychological treatment. They need counseling and medication from trained professionals so they can possibly lead a normal life.

The insanity plea is intended to

save those who literally know not what they do and the defense is rarely used, according to the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. In an eight-state study, the insanity plea was used in less than 1 percent of cases and only 26 percent were argued successfully. Ninety percent of those were diagnosed with a mental illness.

The Academy also said it is extremely hard to fake a mental illness well enough to hold up in court.

Imagine hearing voices every day of your life, or seeing things no one else sees and having to deal with these hallucinations by yourself. Everyday, you are faced with the dilemma of what is real and what is not. Not to mention the discrimination and prejudice from the rest of society. Now imagine being thrown in jail without ever fully understanding what you did or what is wrong with you.

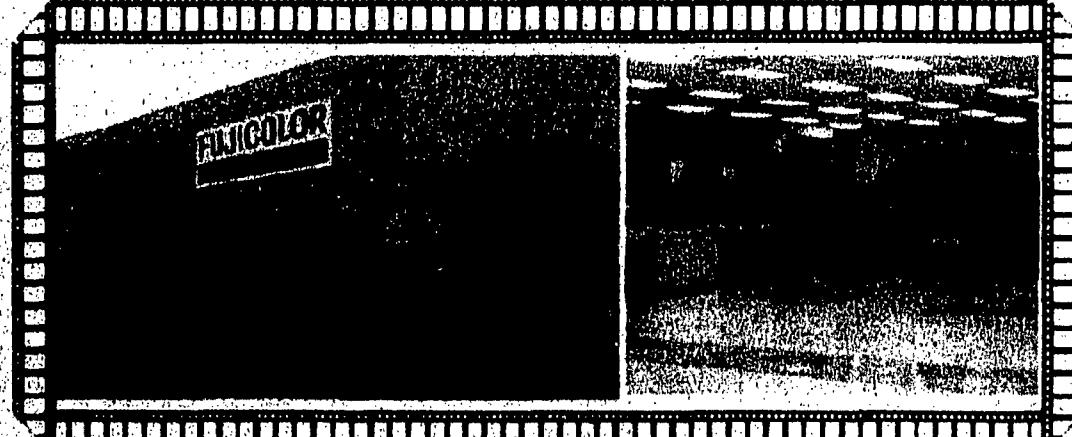
For thousands of inmates, this is exactly what happened.

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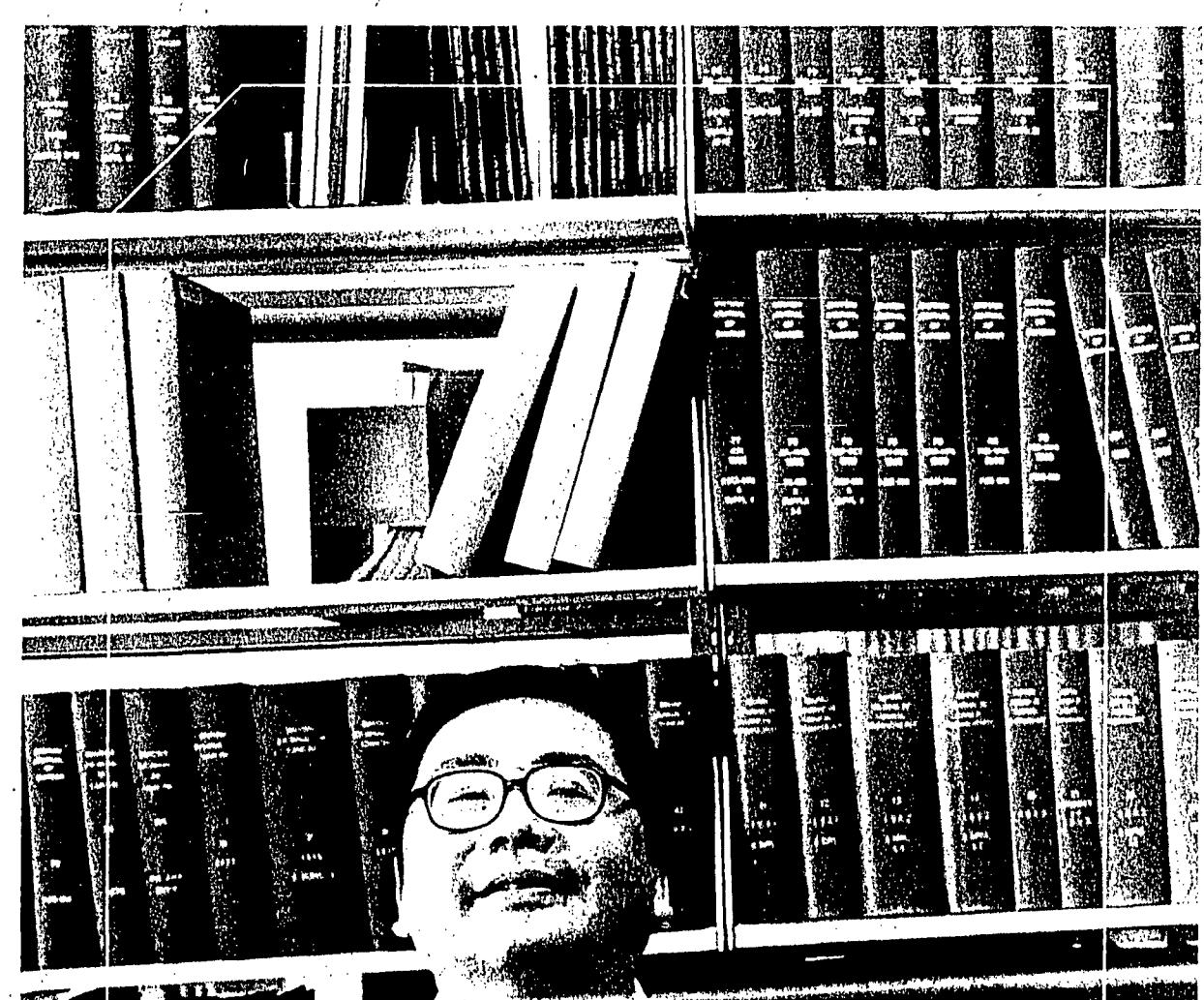
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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- Parkinson's Support Group, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
- Master Gardener class, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Nodaway County Extension Center
- "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium

- 4-H Basketball Tourney, North Nodaway High School, Hopkins
- Ekstam Ceramics Exhibit closes

- C-Base Test, 8 a.m., Golden Hall third floor
- 4-H Basketball Tourney, North Nodaway High School, Hopkins

- Palm Sunday

- Wind Symphony Tour

- Spring Break
- Student Payday
- Summer Arts Festival Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

- Spring Break
- Cancer Support Group meeting, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

- Spring Break

- Spring Break
- Master Gardener Class, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Extension Center
- Focus on Kids/Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce/meeting room

PUBLIC SAFETY

March 11

- An officer assisted Probation and Parole in serving a warrant on Robert C. Luttig, 41, Blair, Neb., for probation violation. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held for Probation and Parole.

- Fire units responded to a grass fire in the 32000 block of 280th Street. Upon arrival the fire had been contained and was quickly extinguished.

- Josephine E. Lenox, 21, Maryville, was stopped at a stop sign at 12th and Munn. Grant M. Hageman, 21, Maryville, was directly behind Lenox. Hageman struck Lenox's vehicle. Hageman was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by striking a vehicle in the rear.

March 12

- Kevin D. Kropf, 16, Maryville, was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Munn and First. Darrell J. Schieber, 39, Conception Junction, was traveling east on West First. Kropf entered the intersection and struck Schieber's vehicle. Kropf was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by striking another vehicle.

- An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken a check from her purse while she was in the 1500 block of South Main.

- An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had observed a female child unobserved in the 400 block of South Vine. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with a female individual that was referred to the Division of Family Services.

March 14

- While on patrol in the 900 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle back out of a driveway and drive down the wrong side of the road. The vehicle was stopped in the 900 block of South Market. The driver and passenger both fled the area. The case is still under investigation.

BIRTHS

Jenna Leigh Smith

- Rich and Valarie Smith, Guilford, are the parents of Jenna Leigh, born March 1.

- She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and joins two brothers and one sister.

- Maternal grandparents are Bill and Linda Tadlock, Conception Junction. Paternal grandparents are Stephen and Becky Smith, Maryville.

- Maternal great-grandparents are Rogers Tadlock, Guildford, and Gerald and Barb Godsey, Ravenwood. Paternal great-grandparents are Margaret Smith, Maryville, and Warren and Loretta Morris, Mound City.

Shayli Elizabeth Mires

- Randy and Becky Mires, Maryville, are the parents of Shayli Elizabeth, born March 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

- She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

- Maternal grandparents are Roger and Cindy Peter, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Sandra Mires, Pickering.

- Maternal great-grandparents are Mildred Peter, Maryville; Jerry and Joann Peter, Maryville, and Lewis and Nadine Small, Maryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Elmer and Mildred Mires, Maryville.

Madison Claire June Kent

- Tanya and Kevin Kent, Clearmont, are the parents of Madison Claire June, born March 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

- She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins siblings Angela, Elizabeth, Brittaney, Majorie and Nakian Rachel.

- Maternal grandparents are Michael and Carol McHugh, Clearmont. Paternal grandparents are the late Sonny and Tillie Kent.

- Maternal great-grandparents are the late Garland and Lena Bartlett, and Floriea and Gean Stubb.

Jordanne Nigh Anthony

- Gerald Anthony and Bobbi Jo McGinley, Albany, are the parents of Jordanne Nigh, born March 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

- She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins siblings Halley and Johnathon.

- Maternal grandparents are Don and Linda McGinley, Darlington. Paternal grandparents are Roger and Kathryn Anthony, Albany.

DEATHS

Raymond Marshall Shell

- Raymond Marshall Shell, 73, Maryville, died March 13, at his home in rural Maryville.

- He was born Jan. 23, 1929, to Purl and Neva Shell in Wilcox.

- He is survived by his wife Anita; two daughters, Deborah and Sheila Christiansen; one son, Marshall; four grandchildren, Carrie Schwartz, Jonathan Ferguson, Trevor and Megan; and three great-grandsons, Parker, Matthew and Jacob Schwartz.

- Services were March 16 at the First Christian Church in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Willis Lee Bolich

- Willis Lee Bolich, 73, Fort Worth, Texas, died March 13 at the All Saints Episcopal Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

- He was born April 14, 1928, to Daniel and Mary Bolich in Mound City.

- He is survived by his wife, Loetta; one son, Steven; two daughters, Mary Kent and Debbie Kelly; one brother, Darrell; two sisters, Nina Dougan and Arta Lewis; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

- Services and burial were March 18 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

On your mark



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Alex Wiedmaier waits for the start of an egg race March 16. She was taking part in the Easter "Egg" stravaganza hosted by Bearcat Leisure Services and students from Donna Lindenmeier's recreation programming class.

George Edward Kunkel

George Edward Kunkel, 93, Maryville, died March 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Feb. 3, 1909, to Oscar Kunkel and Sylvia Carmichael in Kansas.

He is survived by his wife, Lula; one son, Gary; one daughter, Ruth Baltas; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one sister, Lenee Taft.

Services were March 20 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Fern McGinnis

Fern McGinnis, 89, Maryville, died March 17 at Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 10, 1913, to George and Louisa Sego in Denver, Mo.

She is survived by one son, Chris; two daughters, Sandra Gorton and Judy; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one step-son; one step-grandson; one brother, George Sego Jr.; one niece and several nephews.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Burial will be at Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

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Award-winning play to entertain

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

Michael Frayn's Tony award-winning play "Copenhagen" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 3 in the Performing Arts Center.

"Copenhagen" was inspired by actual events that have baffled historians for more than 50 years. The play revolves around a re-creation of the 1941 meeting between two brilliant physicists whose work opened the way to the atom.

Physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg hold their meeting during the time Heisenberg was leading the German initiative to investigate the prospect of an atomic bomb. Meanwhile, Bohr was a half-Jewish man living in relative peace in his German-occupied homeland.

Heisenberg makes the trip at great risk to Bohr and his wife Margrethe in Copenhagen. Heisenberg comes bearing disturbing news that Germans have disrupted the project.

Margrethe remembers the fond memories that Bohr and Heisenberg shared of their time together arguing the future of physics during the 1920s.

Later, Heisenberg's commitment to his German homeland may forbid communication between himself and Bohr; however, the two fall into a memory of their first meeting and begin to reminisce about their long hours and their debates over the atom in the 1920s.

Heisenberg explains that he was not trying to build a bomb, but a reactor, which would probably not be usable during the war. He also adds his suggestion alone stopped the German program from progressing.

It becomes clear that Heisenberg would have taken the same path regardless of what Bohr said to him in September 1941.

Tickets are \$18, \$16 and \$14 and are available at Student Services in the Administration Building or by calling 562-1212.



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Tanny McDonald, William Cain and Sean Arbuckle perform "Copenhagen" in Laguna Playhouse. The Tony award-winning play was written by Michael Frayn.

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Board discusses issue of school bus safety

A local woman encouraged the Maryville R-II School District to increase student safety at a School Board meeting Monday.

Maryville resident Rhonda Smith addressed the School Board about a Feb. 22 incident regarding a minor collision between a car and a school bus her daughter was a passenger in. Smith said although her daughter left unharmed, she should have been notified of the accident by the school.

Smith questioned the Board on the district's policies and teacher training regarding possibly dangerous situations, including handguns brought to school and bomb threats.

Superintendent Jay Reese assured Smith the school had a "top-notch" crisis program.

Elks celebrate 100-year anniversary

By MONICA CALDWELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Elvis hasn't left the building after all; he has just come to Maryville to celebrate.

An impersonator will join the Elks in their Maryville lodge for a weekend honoring their 100th anniversary. Beginning Friday with family night, the King's stand-in will appear along with a karaoke machine for those wishing to sing their own renditions of popular hits. The weekend will culminate Saturday night with an awards ceremony, dinner and dance.

Recent Elks events have included a Drug Awareness Clinic on Feb. 10 and the 2002 Spring Convention March 15.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks began nationally in 1868 and now includes more than 1.2 million men and women.

They have expended more than \$2.69 billion worth of donations to the nation's youth, disadvantaged, handicapped and veterans in the form of cash, goods and services, as well as supported civic and patriotic programs.

"We provide Christmas baskets to needy families," said Exalted Ruler Brett White. "We help families who have had their homes burned down. We donate money to post-prom parties for the local high schools."

On top of these, the Order of the Elks has one of the largest private college scholarship funds in the nation, and Maryville's lodge provides for area high schools as well.

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Church glorifies Holy Week

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Saint Gregory's Catholic Church will be holding Holy Week March 23-31 to correspond with Easter. Holy Week will be filled with events such as the Gospel of Matthew that will be presented at 7 p.m. March 29.

The Gospel of Matthew will be presented by Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane of Daly City, Calif.

Both Reardon and Lane have presented their special scripture program more than 1,000 times throughout the world in places such as the United States, Canada, Japan, Republic of China, Europe and Israel.

Reardon will be presenting scripture readings that include light, music and costumes that are contemporary to usual traditions. Lane, direc-

tor, musician and lighting artist of the program, will be using his knowledge of special effects and music to add uniqueness to the readings.

Along with the Gospel of Matthew, St. Gregory's will hold the Easter Vigil Saturday for anyone in the community interested in becoming a member of St. Gregory's Church.

"Any people that want to join the Catholic church are invited to be initiated," said Pastoral Associate Sister Rose Hacker.

Holy Week is a meaningful time for all who attend St. Gregory's, Hacker said.

"This is the high point for our church," Hacker said. "It is an exciting, holy and sacred time."

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Strength & Faith: A Fight for Survival

Being one of few children diagnosed with a rare form of cancer did not stop 3-year-old Natalie from overcoming slim odds

By ANN HARMAN

FEATURES EDITOR

Before making the first 10-hour drive to Memphis, Tenn., Roger Taylor had a dream. His 3-year-old step-daughter, Natalie Caton, would not lose her eye. She would regain 40 to 50 percent of her vision and return to the happy, loving little girl she once was.

After undergoing an eight-hour surgery to remove a tumor from behind her left eye, Natalie did keep her eye. Her temperament has yet to return completely to normal and she is still blind in her left eye, but Natalie's mother, Tasha Taylor, and stepfather, Roger, remain hopeful in her strength and willingness to make a full recovery.

Roger and Tasha first noticed a problem in October 2001 when Natalie endured five consecutive days of diarrhea and sporadic vomiting. In addition, she complained of light sensitivity, motion sickness and pain in her eyes. Unfortunately, the first doctors Natalie saw had no idea of the potential severity of her condition.

"We had been taking her to a med clinic here in town (St. Joseph) and they kept saying, 'Oh, she's got stomach problems, she's got the flu,'" Roger said. "We were buying it because we didn't know."

In fact, many doctors wanted to diagnose Roger and Tasha as worrywarts rather than get to the root of Natalie's symptoms. But parental instincts told them something was undoubtedly wrong.

"As parents we felt helpless," Tasha said. "Not hopeless, helpless."

As a result, they decided to look to more sophisticated resources and drove to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19.

After spending more than eight hours at the hospital and being ignored by doctors, Tasha and Roger had to make something happen.

"They weren't going to do anything and I finally got mad and I said, 'Well, test for something,'" Tasha said. "Basically I had to demand it and I didn't feel that was my place. They're the doctors. They should have known

what to do or what was wrong with her."

Disappointed and uncertain, Roger, Tasha and Natalie drove home with Zantac tablets to treat what Children's Mercy doctors thought was acid reflux.

The next day, Natalie's condition worsened. She vomited six times before 10:30 a.m. and her temperament had strayed more and more from the Natalie Roger and Tasha knew.

On Nov. 21, the day before Thanksgiving, Natalie was admitted to Children's Mercy Hospital where she stayed for the next five days while doctors ran several tests for migraines, acid reflux and the flu. All tests came back normal.

"They weren't looking for anything like a tumor — that was about the last thing they were looking for," Roger said. "They were just trying to figure out why she was vomiting. Every test they ever did came back normal. They knew nothing."

Roger and Tasha accepted the chewable Pepcid AC prescription as a treatment for acid reflux and once again returned home. The tablets staved the vomiting, in turn helping Natalie sleep better; however, the relief was short-lived.

Around Dec. 1, Natalie's eye began to droop slightly, and a month later her eye began to bulge and felt hard. By Jan. 21, it was dilated 100 percent and Roger and Tasha were in a panic.

Finally, Roger and Tasha were given a flicker of hope Jan. 24. They had been referred to Dr. Gerhard Cevis, a pediatric optometrist at Children's Mercy, who knew immediately Natalie needed an MRI as soon as possible. For the first time Roger and Tasha were faced with the startling possibility of a tumor.

After being advanced two weeks, the test revealed a tumor the size of a large walnut in the brain and eye cavity directly behind Natalie's left eye.

Two days later on Feb. 1, a biopsy offered the first official conclusion: primitive cordoma, an extremely rare type of malignant tumor usually found in adult males.

Roger and Tasha were devastated.

"We were like, you can't be telling us in January that it's a brain tumor when in November there was no possible way," Tasha said.

Tasha said other Children's Mercy doctors denied missing the tumor.

While Roger and Tasha waited for word on whether or not Natalie would be accepted as a candidate for research treatment at St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., more tests were run. Blood tests,



Although Natalie is only 3, her mother and stepfather, Roger and Tasha Taylor, said she asks questions that even 8- or 9-year-olds would not know to ask. Natalie knew everything before even doctors because she said angels visited her to talk about her "bad tumor."

bone scans, CAT scans — all to learn as much about the tumor as possible.

Finally, on Feb. 24, the call came from Memphis and they were on the road. Doctors at St. Jude's did a few more tests and eye exams before beginning the eight and one-half hour procedure Feb. 27.

"The day of her surgery (the doctors) did an MRI and found her body knew her artery was about to be shut down (from the tumor)," Roger said. "Her body decided to make a blood vessel of its own to bypass that. It's in the shape of almost a halo. That's what's cool."

To the amazement of Roger, Tasha and the doctors, Natalie was out of the hospital after one day in the Intensive Care Unit and one day in her private room.

"The doctors were 99.9 percent sure they would take the eye because it was a lot easier to get back to the tumor," Roger said. "And they didn't take her eye."

Instead, they were able to remove the tumor by cutting through her skull.

Roger and Tasha held a small amount of anger toward Natalie's doctors for not catching the tumor earlier, but realized no one is perfect.

"We had built up too much trust and faith in Children's Mercy and doctors in general," Tasha said. "Reality kind of hit home; they're just people, too."

While it seems time to take a huge sigh of relief, Roger and Tasha know better. To make sure the cancer does not spread, Natalie has to complete seven weeks of radiation (five days a week), and each session lasts 30 to 45 minutes.

They appreciate the overwhelming amount of support from both the St. Joseph and Maryville communities.

"You never think that something like this is going to happen to you or to your child, but when it does, it's nice to know that so many people want to help," Tasha said. "That's when it's nice to come from a small town."

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Dawn Peterson, one of Natalie's day caregivers at Enright Resource Center, helps her learn a new computer program to paint a picture. Roger and Tasha credit the center for getting Natalie's recovery underway. "If it weren't for this place we wouldn't be where we are right now," Roger said.

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Sports

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Season ends with loss

Bearcats hopes of winning national title come to an end in Evansville

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

The Northwest basketball team had the situation they wanted, trailing by two points with 17.4 seconds remaining in Wednesday's game against Indiana University-Pennsylvania.

Trailing 71-69 junior Scott Fleming stepped to the line with a one-and-one foul situation and a chance to tie the game.

Fleming, who has made numerous clutch free throws in his three years at Northwest, missed the first free throw and Indiana University-Pennsylvania grabbed the miss.

Northwest head coach Steve Tappmeyer was surprised Fleming's shot did not go down.

"(Fleming) doesn't miss many free throws, especially in clutch situations," Tappmeyer said. "If we had the situation again I would like him up there."

Indians' guard Aaron Faulkner then sank two free throws on the other end to give IUP a 74-69 lead with 14.3 seconds remaining.

The 'Cats still had a shot to get closer but sophomore Kelvin Parker turned the ball over and committed an intentional foul al-

lowing the Indians to ice the game at the free throw line.

Northwest put itself in a hole in the first half that they worked the whole second half to dig out of.

Scoring only four points over a 9:55 span in the first half, IUP put together a 16-4 run and Northwest fell behind by nine points, 32-23 with 3:45 remaining.

Senior Jerry Hudson said the 'Cats did not settle into their offense in the first half.

"We weren't moving the ball," Hudson said. "It's a motion offense and we were watching the ball too much."

Despite the 'Cats' motionless offense they still shot 41.5 percent from the field in the game and 45 percent in the first half.

Junior Joel Yeldell ended the drought with a three-pointer to cut the lead to six points, and the 'Cats added another bucket to cut the lead to four points, 32-28.

Yeldell led the 'Cats with 16 points and made three key three-pointers to keep the 'Cats close in the second half.

But IUP guard Wes Layton an-

swered back with a three-pointer of his own to stretch the lead back to seven points.

Layton was the answer for IUP all night.

The senior had a career-high 27 points and was 7-of-10 from behind the arc, and 9-of-12 from the field. Of the four three-pointers Layton hit in the first half, none touched the rim.

IUP head coach Gary Edwards said Layton was the key for the Indians.

"We made some big plays down the stretch," Edwards said. "And nobody made more big plays than Wes Layton today. He really came through. He put us on his back and carried us."

Despite Layton, the 'Cats cut the Indian lead to five points, 35-30, at the half.

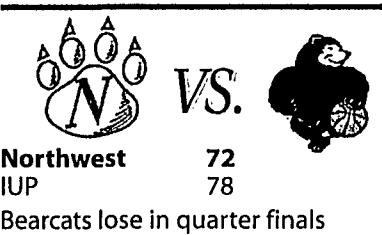
Northwest came out firing the second half.

Hudson scored underneath to open the second half, and Fleming answered with a three-pointer two possessions later.

After scoring only five points in the first half, Hudson got on track in the second scoring 10 points and finishing with 15 points, four rebounds and three assists.

The 'Cats ended the game with five players in double figures.

In addition to Yeldell and Hudson, senior center Matt Rowan had 13 points and Parker and Fleming each had 12 points.



Bearcats lose in quarter finals

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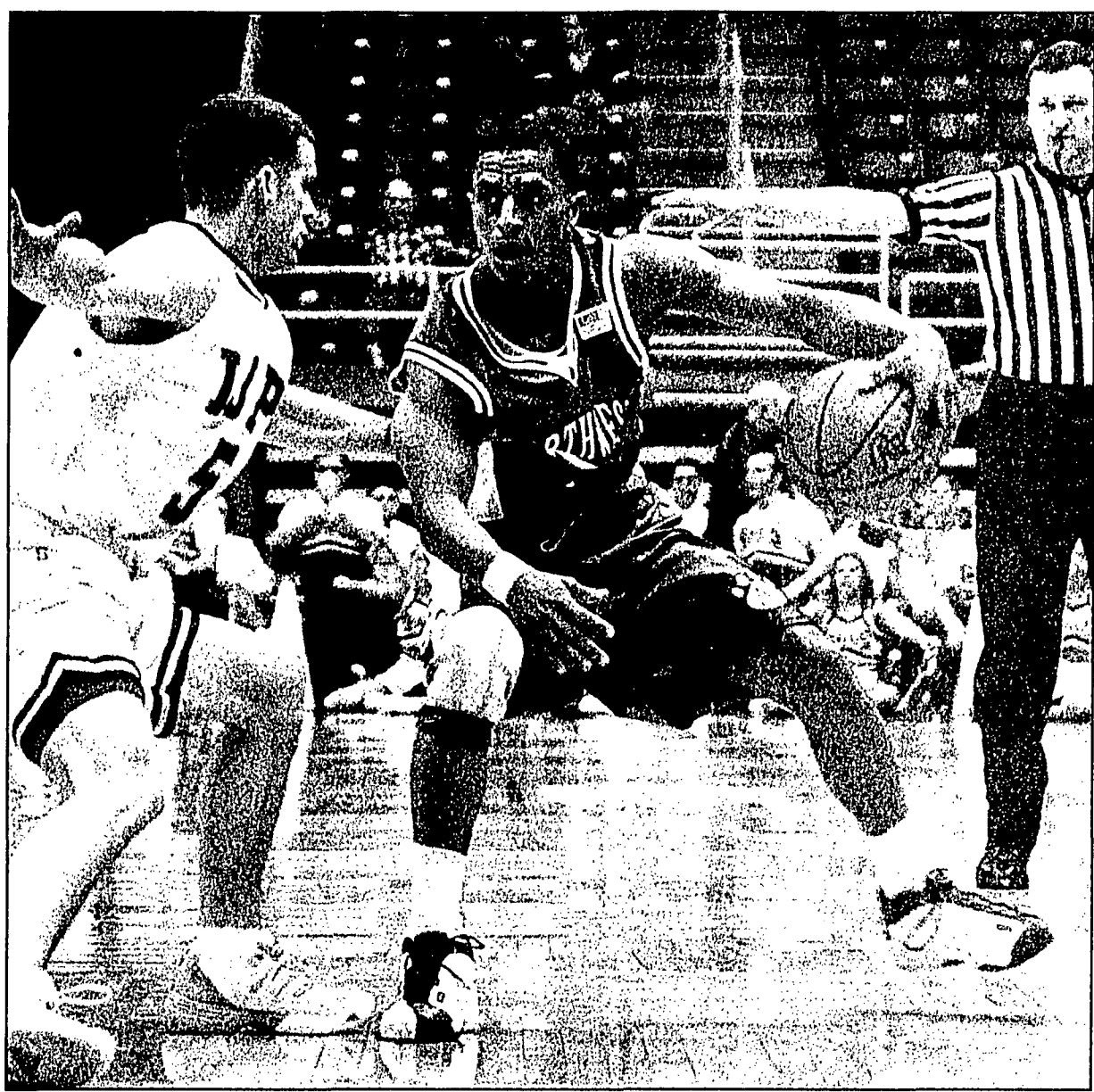


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Sophomore guard Kelvin Parker drives the ball up against an Indiana University-Pennsylvania defender in the Bearcats' 78-72 loss. The loss dropped the 'Cats out of the Division II Tournament. The team finished the season at 29-3, 16-2 in conference play.

Teamwork essential for season

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Despite an earlier than wanted exit from the Elite Eight, the Northwest men's basketball team accomplished more in the 2001-02 season than it has in more than 70 years, finishing 29-3.

The 'Cats could do no wrong from the month of November to March 20. They won the MIAA regular season title, completing the conference run with a record of 16-2.

Although they shared the MIAA regular season crown with Missouri Western State College, they would get their chance to prove the superior school in the MIAA Conference Tournament Final.

The 'Cats came out on top in the tournament finals, and came out on top in the season series, winning two-of-three games from the Griffins.

The 'Cats stayed hot in the South Central Regional Tournament. They never trailed in the semifinals against Incarnate Word University and they did not trail in the second half of the regional final against Rockhurst University as they earned their spot in the Elite Eight.

Although they fell in the first round, head coach Steve Tappmeyer reminded the team to keep the loss in perspective of what the team had accomplished throughout the year.



Sophomore guard Kelvin Parker runs into traffic in regionals against Rockhurst March 10. The 79-73 win clinched the first-ever regional title in Bearcat history.

FILE PHOTO

"I don't expect them to be happy right now," Tappmeyer said after the game. "But we told them, 'Don't let it cloud a great year where a bunch of guys really did it the right way and pulled together as a team.' I am real proud of how they have approached the whole year, but I think it's a situation when our guys get a chance to step back and realize what they've done this year, they will be proud."

Losing three seniors from the 2000-01 team, many critics wondered if the junior college transfers and incoming freshmen could replace Floyd Farrow, Joel Taylor and Joe Price.

Transfers Joel Yeldell, Jelani Walker and Ben McCollum along with freshman Jesse Shaw proved critics wrong as each player played a vital role sometime in the season.

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cially important as the MIAA season wound down and March Madness heated up.

Walker was named to the all-region team in the tournament and Yeldell led the 'Cats in scoring Wednesday and was second on the team in scoring in the regional final.

Along with Walker and Yeldell, the 'Cats got strong play from sophomore guard Kelvin Parker and junior guard Scott Fleming. Fleming was named first team All-MIAA and Parker earned honorable mention status.

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Northwest tennis

Bearcats hit road for invites

Teams play in 10 meets in as many days as they enter heart of schedule

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

While the only things on most college students' minds during Spring Break are booze, beaches and babes (or guys for the ladies) this does not apply to the athletes on Northwest's tennis teams.

Beginning Thursday, the teams are booked solid until March 30.

The 'Cats will start the stretch with home games against Metro State-Colorado at 2 p.m. Thursday and the men will host Saint Cloud-Minnesota at 6 p.m. Friday.

Over the weekend, both teams will host Winona State-Minnesota at 2 p.m. Saturday and conference rival Truman State at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Following these matches, the teams will hop in vans for their spring road trip with stops in Oklahoma, Kansas and Joplin, Mo. Then they come home to finish the week with two days of home matches.

"The players really give up their Spring Break, but that's part of it," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "We know it's the best time to play some ranked teams without missing any classes. It gives us the chance to go to places like Oklahoma and do this."

ranked third regionally in singles and fourth in doubles action with junior Adrianna Hernandez. Tapia was also named this week's MIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Week and is ranked No. 48 in NCAA Division II singles.

On the men's side, junior Jon Sanchez is ranked fourth regionally.

"It's nice to have some players ranked," Rosewell said. "The team rankings are the most important thing, but having individuals recognized is good, too."

Two unranked players deserving recognition are junior Jarrod Smith and sophomore Sara Lipira, Rosewell said.

Smith, in the No. 5 position, won his matches in three sets apiece against Southwest Baptist Saturday and again against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Sunday. Northwest won both competitions 5-4.

If Smith had failed to win two of three sets in each match, Northwest would have lost the competition.

"He's a real team player," Rosewell said. "If the team wins, that means the most to him.

That's why I like him so much."

Lipira, playing in the No. 4 position up from No. 6 last year, has only lost two matches all season, helping the women gain their 8-2 record.

"Sara's been having a great year," Rosewell said. "Only a sophomore, she has moved up two positions from last year and is winning big matches."

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Northwest baseball

'Cats head into conference play on hot streak

By JUSTIN BUSH
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Northwest baseball team is heating up faster than the weather. After a slow start, the 'Cats have won 11 of their last 12 games.

"The biggest thing is the confidence we always knew that we had good ballplayers," head coach Darin Loe said. "We are getting some Ws, we're getting good pitching, good defense and the biggest thing is that our hitters are starting to come around and hit some hits."

The 'Cats opened up conference play Wednesday against the Washburn University Ichabods.

In the first game the 'Cats completely dominated the Ichabods. Northwest jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first. The 'Cats scored in every inning but the third, on their way to a 14-0 victory.

Junior Brett Jones pitched the complete game while finishing his 23 consecutive scoreless innings.

In the nightcap, Washburn struck first scoring their first run of the afternoon to go 1-0 in the top of the first.

The 'Cats struck back in the bottom of the inning to tie the game. In the second inning, senior Michael Creason hit a three-run homer to add to the 'Cats' lead.

Washburn would chip away at the 'Cats' lead through out the game. After the fifth inning, the 'Cats led 6-5.

In the sixth inning, the 'Cats got some insurance by putting five runs on the board. Washburn would score two in the seventh, but it was not enough as the 'Cats held on for the 12-8 victory.

"The one thing that we really wanted to do this year was come out early and do well in the conference," Loe said. "The last couple of years we have started out one and five and we kind of wanted to set the tone."

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The 'Cats answered back by scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 7-4 lead.

During the nightcap, the 'Cats came out and scored three runs in the second inning. The Wildcats fought back scoring two runs in the sixth inning and added another run in the seventh to tie the game.

The Wildcats scored again in the top of the ninth to snap the 'Cats seven-game winning streak.

On Sunday the 'Cats played a doubleheader against the Vikings of Augustana College.

In the first, the Vikings took the lead on a solo shot to left field.

Northwest did their damage in the fourth when they scored nine runs off 11 hits. The 'Cats added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to take game one, 12-1.

In game two, the Vikings jumped out to an early 3-0 in the first. The 'Cats scored a single run in both the second and fifth innings to bring the 'Cats to within one run.

The Vikings then added another run in the top of the sixth to extend their lead. The 'Cats answered back by scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 7-4 lead.

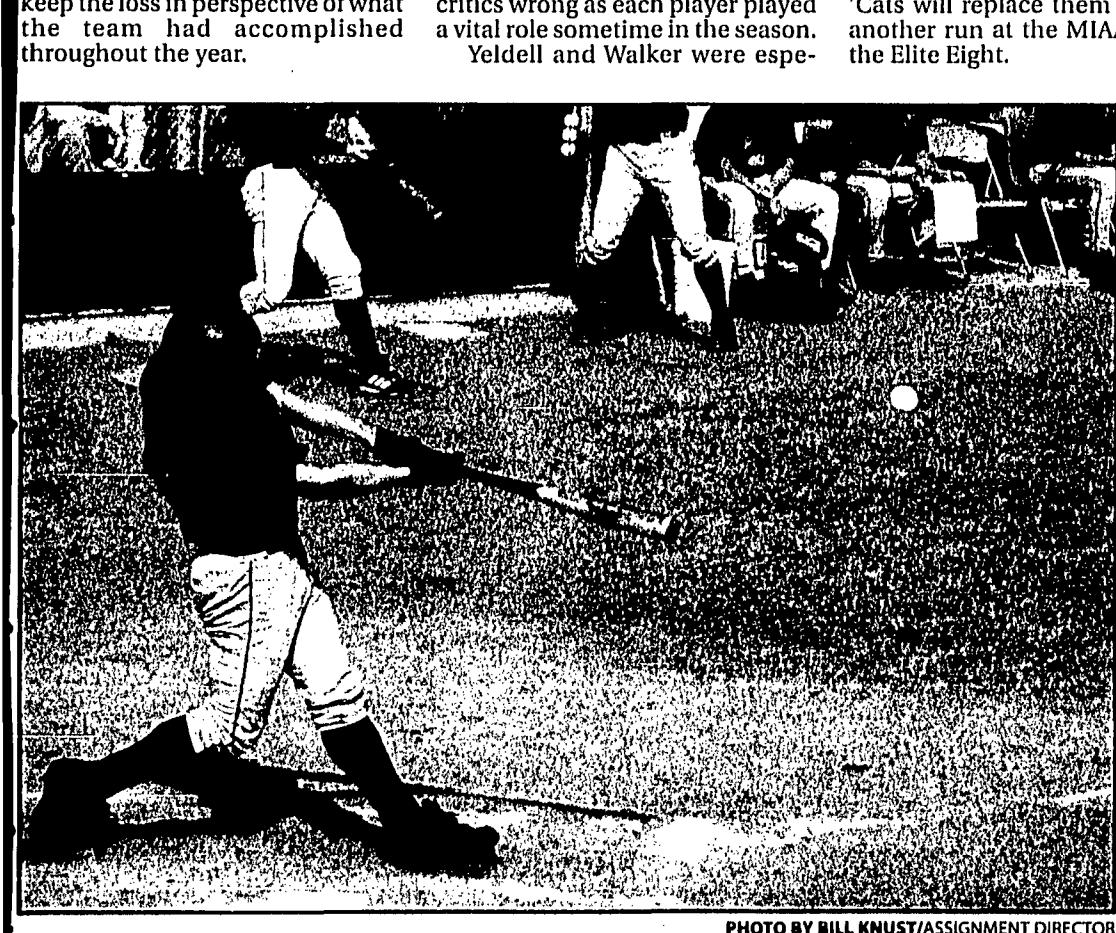


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Freshman outfielder Marcus West makes contact off of an Augustana pitcher. The Bearcats went on to sweep the Vikings. The team will travel to St. Joseph to knock heads with rival Missouri Western in a doubleheader Saturday.

Maryville track and field

Teams rely on talent, prepare for spring

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Going into the 2002 track and field season, the Spoofounds are setting high expectations for themselves with a relatively small number of athletes.

"We're small on numbers and big on talent," said boys' coach John Pelzer.

The boys' team will have 21 competitors for this year's season and the girls will have 25. Even though the small numbers can count against the 'Hounds, Pelzer said expectations will not be lowered.

"It's going to be difficult to be competing for team titles with the numbers such as they are," Pelzer said. "But at the same time, we can set our goals fairly high. The kids that we do have are quality boys."

Junior thrower Justin Seipel said the team will be up for the challenge. "We got the people and we have enough athletic ability," Seipel said. "These guys can go and sprint and they can go do the field events and do pretty well at them."

This will be the first season for both girls' coach Jason Melnick and Pelzer. Melnick is the fourth coach in the last four years for the girls' team. "We're going in with a new attitude and high expectations," Melnick said. "We've got several great athletes on the girls' team. They had a 4x800-meter and a 4x400-meter team go to state last year. So I have high expectations

for that. We've got six seniors on this year's team and I think all of them will do very well. In general we've got some freshmen and three juniors that are doing great and we have a lot of sophomores. I think they're all going to contribute very well."

Valuable experience on the boys' side will help Pelzer in his first year as coach.

"We've got some returning state experience in the relays," Pelzer said. "I really expect to do well in the sprints and the sprint relays later on in the year. We're going to look for big things from our two state kids, Paul Otte and Cliff MacIntosh, and hope that our young kids come along."

Seipel said younger squad participants will step up to help out the upperclassmen.

"I think we're going to be pretty good as a team," Seipel said. "We don't have a lot of seniors, but we do have a lot of underclassmen that are going to step up. We're going to fare pretty well."

The 'Hounds' first meet of the season is Saturday at the Park Hill Invite at Park Hill South High School in Kansas City, Mo.

"There's going to be 12 schools there," Melnick said. "It's just field events and relays. I think it's going to be a fun meet for us. I think everybody's going to do well."

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ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK

Do you think the Bearcats have a shot at winning the Division II championship?



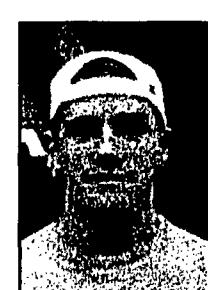
"Sure, they have a good team this year and they have a pretty good shot."

Autumn Hutson
Advertising major



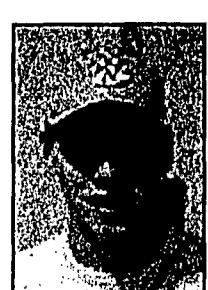
"Yes, because they have very diversified talent and a lot of scoring potential."

Dan Juardo
Political science major



"Due to the success they've had throughout the year, their record and their senior leadership, I think they have a great shot at winning the national championship."

David Burroughs
Business management major



"Yes, they have a great chance because they're playing real good as a team right now."

Nick Wernimont
Computer science major



Maryville golf

Defending champions hope for three-peat

By CLARK GRELL

SPORTS EDITOR

With the 2000 and 2001 state championship plaques hanging in the entrance of Maryville High School, the boys' golf team will attempt to put another state title on the wall heading into the 2002 season.

The 'Hounds return three of their starters from the 2001 season, but the team loses two major contributors, Matt VanCleave and Nick Thompson, from last year's state title run.

Seniors Trent Twaddle and Brian Prokes and junior Lucas Larson are returning starters to a squad that is

well balanced in juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Prokes finished second overall in class 3-A last season as a junior.

"I'm excited about getting the chance to give it another run at the state title as a team," he said. "If golf was an easy sport, then everybody in the school would be doing it."

Although spots on the starting roster need to be filled, first-year head coach, Tom Alvarez said he is comfortable with the level his team is sitting at going into the season.

"I'm confident that we are going to do as well as last year," he said. "Obviously we did very well last sea-

son, so it's going to be a battle to make sure we live up to the standards."

Players think that duplicating past years' success will be a difficult task.

"We feel there is a lot of pressure going into the season," Prokes said. "We are underdogs this year because we have lost two all-staters from last season."

The 'Hounds start the 2002 campaign playing host to Lafayette at 4 p.m. March 28 at Mozingo.

"We are hoping some of the younger kids can contribute and obviously we're hoping to repeat as state champions for a third year in a row," Alvarez said.

College ball proves to be best

One week of March Madness is in the books, and the weekend proved that anything can happen. After all the excitement the NCAA Tournament has provided, one question could be asked. Does anyone remember the NBA, let alone care about it?

The NBA is known as the league for all the big boys, but in the last five or six years, the NBA has changed for the worst.

The list of problems is too long. Player salaries are out of hand, fans are not showing up to games and more drug abuse cases occur in the league than any other professional sports league.

Luckily, college basketball has provided the excitement the NBA has long lost. Take this past weekend's games for instance.

Fans who sat in front of their televisions this weekend witnessed some great games. You didn't have to be a



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big basketball fan to be excited watching Notre Dame give Duke a nice run for their money. The same can be said for the Cincinnati/UCLA game which went into double overtime before the Bruins pulled off the upset.

Arenas throughout the tournament were sold out, something that does not happen in the NBA. It was amazing to watch games like Stanford and Kansas and see fans so into the game, something not seen in the NBA.

Sixty-five teams played in the tournament with pride and deter-

mination. Players were playing their hearts out, knowing their effort can help get their team deeper into the tournament. That too, is something that is not seen in the NBA.

How many of you bracketeers had Southern Illinois making the Sweet 16 or Alabama and Gonzaga being knocked out early?

As far as the NBA goes... we already know the Los Angeles Lakers have the trophy wrapped up this season.

The excitement is already building for week two of the NCAA with the Sweet 16 offering some great matchups.

The NBA has lost its edge and its fans and not even Michael Jordan can dig the league out of the hole it has created.

So, no matter who is hoisting that trophy on stage in a couple of weeks, it will be safe to say that fans everywhere will have enjoyed what the tournament has to offer.

FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's bball	NCAA Division II Semifinal @ Evansville, Ind. 6 p.m.		NCAA Division II Championship @ Evansville, Ind. noon				
Northwest baseball			Missouri Western (DH) 1 p.m.	Emporia State (DH) 1 p.m.	Simpson College (DH) 1 p.m.	Missouri Western (DH) 1 p.m.	
Northwest softball		Lincoln University Tournament Jefferson City TBA					Washburn (DH) 2:30 p.m.
Northwest tennis	McPherson (DH) 2 p.m.	McClouds (DH) 6 p.m.	Winona State (DH) 2 p.m.	Oklahoma City (TBA)	Central Oklahoma @ Edmond, Okla. 3 p.m.	Emporia State 3 p.m.	
Maryville girls' soccer					Platte County 4:30 p.m.		
Maryville baseball	Benton (DH) 4:30 p.m.		Excelsior Sps. Tournament TBA			St. Plus 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville track			Park Hill Invite TBA		Maryville Invite 4 p.m.		
Maryville boys' tennis							

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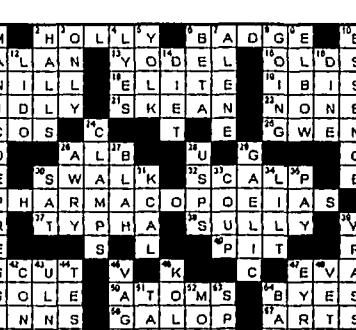
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Spring Break means stupidity

Bikinis, bronze boys, beaches and beer are all about to become the major source of attention for students all over this magnificent country.

Spring Break is here and it is time for student stupidity to rear its ugly head yet again. It is so wonderful that for one week, any particular student may pack up all their bar-hopping clothes and their bathing suits and head to some kind of warm climate to partake in the annual conference of students.

Those poor residents of Daytona, South Padre and Cancun have to put up with thousands of 20-something children just trying to have a good time. I'm not against a good time, but you know that where kids congregate, trouble usually breaks out.

For instance, I heard recently that some girl from Tennessee just happened to be videotaped showing a little bit of skin and ended up on a \$10 DVD sold on cable advertisements. I mean this girl couldn't have meant to be on that video, because if she had done it on purpose, she wouldn't have sued the video producers for invasion of privacy,



THE STROLLER

or would she? See, that little incident caused trouble in her life.

Or how about the guys who went to Mexico and got a little crazy and got arrested. Well, have you ever thought about how wonderful a Mexican jail is? Let's just say instead of Bubba hugging onto you like a stuffed animal, it is some guy named Pepe. I suppose that being stuck in a concrete room in Mexico isn't as luxurious as the confinement here in the states. Unless you are lucky enough to be in the Maryville Treatment Center, rumored

to be shut down if they don't get more funding. And I doubt Mom and Dad will rush down and bail you out. Mine wouldn't.

Finally, how do students pay for these trips? Oh yeah, they were blessed with the responsibility of owning a credit card, for emergency purposes only. Right, the only emergencies in a lot of people's minds are where to go and how much beer to buy. Trouble follows with a debt that never seems to get any smaller or go away. Try explaining that to your future employer when they start garnishing your paychecks.

Alright, that is enough. Spring Break is here and I hope that everyone takes advantage of the short break from our normal routine. If you are traveling or going back to your hometown, just relax and unwind. I hope that all of you are careful and have fun because I don't want to write about you and your stupid Spring Break stories.

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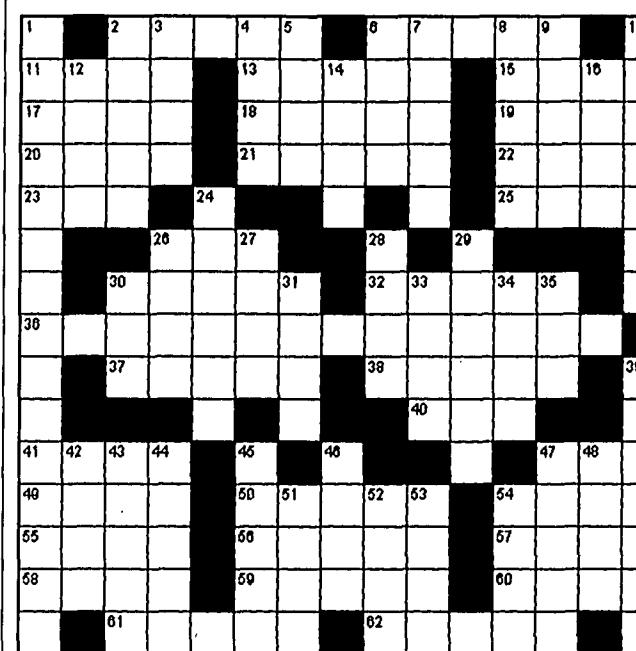
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- 6. Sign of rank
- 11. Male name
- 13. Warble
- 15. Car man
- 17. Refuse (archaic)
- 18. Cream
- 19. Large wading bird
- 20. Lazily
- 21. Celtic knife
- 22. In no way
- 23. Triangular ratio
- 25. Female given name
- 26. Liturgical vestment
- 30. Sealed with a loving kiss
- 32. Skin of the upper part of the head
- 36. Drug stocks
- 37. Cat-tails
- 38. Tarnish
- 40. Cavity
- 41. Deer tail
- 47. Mistress Braun
- 49. Exclusive
- 50. Minute quantities
- 54. Automatic entries to next round
- 55. Taverns
- 56. Lively round
- 57. Devices
- 58. Flesh of a calf
- 59. Uric acid salt
- 60. Shortform of Elizabeth
- 61. Roof edges
- 62. Weighing machine
- 63. Arm bones
- 64. Unit of magnetic induction
- 65. Not clearly stated
- 66. Nut tree
- 67. High altitude dwelling
- 68. Examines carefully
- 69. Smoke components
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- 71. Specification
- 72. Sphere

Down

- 1. Suffering from bipolar disorder (5-10)
- 2. Corridors
- 3. Exclusively
- 4. Alkaline solutions
- 5. Egg center
- 6. dance
- 7. 24-hour tow service
- 8. Lockout services
- 9. Complete body shop
- 10. Glass replacement

6. Second letter of the Greek alphabet

7. Female given name

8. Dying

9. Sharp bend in a road

10. Spirit

12. Italian islands

14. Legislative body

16. Take dinner

24. Gripping devices

26. Cockeyed

27. Pretentious talk

28. Mail service

29. Pertaining to the Gaels

30. Vedic realm of existence

31. Heat unit

33. Takeover

34. Jaunty rhythm

35. Emolument

39. Brightly colored marine fish

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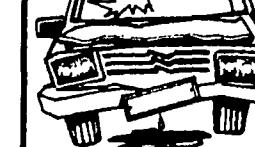
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